

THE FAITHFUL ARE GIVEN WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

The Lord REVEALS TRUTH and gives KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING and WISDOM to His people as they are able to receive it; John 16:12-15

We pray that the “eyes of our understanding” would be enlightened, illuminated; Ephesians 1:18

If we call to Him, He answers us, and tells us great things which we do not know: Jer. 33:3

The emphasis is not upon the gifts, knowledge or blessings we receive from Him; the focus is upon knowing Him; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Isaiah 43:10; Philippians 3:10

The Lord Jesus Christ reveals Himself to His disciples (especially when they are grieving or in distress) and speaks of things pertaining to the Kingdom of God; Acts 1:3; John 20:15-29

He gives breath to His people, holds them by the hand, watches over them, opens their eyes and shows them new things before they spring forth; Isaiah 42:5-9

The Lord makes known to His people the mystery of His will; Eph. 1:9; He proclaims new things to us and reveals hidden things which we have not known; Isaiah 48:6

The Lord uses His faithful priest (as with Ezra) to “open the book”, to give a distinct understanding of God’s law, translating the words which are made known to them; Neh. 8:1-12

The repentant, the humble and the obedient will have “ears to hear” and “eyes to see”; they are given the ability to discern accurately; Isaiah 29:18; 32:3-4; 42:7, 16; Prov. 4:18; Matt. 11:5

As our love abounds, so shall we grow in the knowledge of the Lord and gain understanding of His Word and His plan for us; Philippians 1:9-10

The faithful are like the “sons of Issachar” who served the king; they understood the times and had knowledge of what Israel should do; 1 Chronicles 12:32

Those who are awakened, watching and have plenty of oil for their lamps are called wise virgins; Matthew 25:4

The wise (those who have insight and understanding), shall instruct many; they shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; Daniel 11:33; 12:3, 10

The wise gain wisdom and understanding by studying Israel’s history and biblical patterns, which repeat themselves; 1 Corinthians 10:11

We are told to ask the Lord about “things to come concerning His sons”; Isaiah 45:11

Jesus explains the scriptures and expounds on the things concerning Himself to His disciples; they recognize Him in the “breaking of bread”; Luke 24:27-35

IN CONTRAST

Some who lack discernment and understanding are in a state of “deep sleep”, only giving the Lord “lip service”; their hearts are far from Him and instead of being taught by Him, they are taught by the “precepts of men”; Isaiah 29:10-13

The rebellious cannot discern accurately; they cannot see or hear; Isaiah 48:8; Matthew 15:14; 23:16-19; 2 Cor. 4:4

The foolish and the wicked lack understanding; Daniel 12:10; Proverbs 1:22; 4:19; 12:15; 15:14

The Lord makes rebellious, wicked men dumb, deaf and blind; Exodus 4:11; Genesis 19:11; 2 Kings 6:18; Acts 9:1-18

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